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- 11. (SBU) Post used REF A to follow up on the DCM's January 11 meeting (REF B) with Lars-Erik Liljelund, Prime Minister Reinfeldt's Special Envoy for Climate Change. Liljelund assured us that Sweden and the EU will also strongly encourage other countries to associate to the Copenhagen Accord. Liljelund shared a non-paper from the European Commission, where the outcome of COP-15 is analyzed. The non-paper has been developed for the EU Informal Environment Ministers' Council in Seville, Spain on January 15-16. Liljelund noted that the non-paper said the Copenhagen Accord had potential and, on page 3, suggested that the EU should strongly encourage other countries to associate with the Accord, i.e. "the same message as the U.S." Post has sent the Commission non-paper by e-mail to Drew Nelson, Rachel Kastenberg, and Kate Larson.
- 12. (U) Because Environment Minister Andreas Carlgren is out of the country, Post presented the demarche to his political advisor Karin Rappsjo. Rappsjo also assured us that Sweden and the EU will strongly encourage other countries to associate to the Copenhagen Accord. Rappsjo will join Carlgren at the EU Informal Council of Environment Ministers. She agreed to meet with Post after her return, and to have Minister Carlgren meet the Ambassador as soon as Carlgren returns to work around January 25.

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